

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the Examiner.

During the interview it was determined that additional clarification of the claims is needed.

In connection with this, applicant has amended claim 13 and added claim 25, the second independent claim.

Claim 13 has been amended to define that the spring element 16 is braced directly on the slaving element and on the add-on part to axially fix the add-on part of the drive shaft. Claim 25 additionally defines that the spring element 16 abuts against the slaving element 14 and the add-on part.

These features of the present invention as defined in the amended claim 13 and 25 are not disclosed in the prior art applied by the Examiner against the original claims, and therefore these claims should be allowed together with the dependent claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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